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in reply to my inquiry, that the disease does not exist there and that he has no knowledge of any cases of plague having occurred in Iloilo.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Plague in Manila.

MANILA, P. I., April 27, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report that there occurred 16 cases of plague in Manila, P. I., during the week ended April 21, 1900, and that 14 of the above number resulted in death. During this period a marked center of infection was found to exist in an old market, the disease having been introduced by a Chinese who kept a vegetable stall. He contracted the disease in another portion of the city and died in the market. In about six days 3 others developed the disease and died. Sixteen cases have been traced as having contracted the disease from this center, the infection, in all probability, being disseminated by contact and not by contaminated articles of food. A guard has been placed around the buildings by the board of health, and the entire structure will be burned. During the same week 4 cases of smallpox were reported.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,

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Transactions during month of April, 1900.

MANILA, P. I., May 1, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to submit report of transactions at this port for the month of April, 1900, as follows:

Bills of health issued—

To foreign ports.....	38
To domestic ports.....	265

Total number issued.....	303
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Number of vessels inspected—

From foreign ports.....	37
From domestic ports.....	292

Total number inspected.....	329
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Total number of crew inspected.....	9,078
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Total number of passengers inspected.....	5,819
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Total number of crew vaccinated.....	2,446
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Total number of passengers vaccinated.....	127
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Vessels disinfected.....	1
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Vessels remaining in quarantine.....	1
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Number of crew bathed and clothing disinfected.....	19
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